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Field Office File No.: [redacted]

Bureau File No.: [redacted]

Title: DR. PAUL J. J. PIN

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - FRANCE

Synopsis: Subject ended his stay at Naval Medical Research Institute, Bethesda, Maryland, as guest scientist on 12/6/63, and departed for France 12/7/63.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On January 3, 1964, Dr. THEODOR HANS BENZINGER, Director, Bio-Energetics Laboratories, Naval Medical Research Institute (NMRI), National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, advised that on December 6, 1963, subject ended his stay at NMRI as a guest scientist in the Bio-Energetics Laboratories and was to depart for France on the following day. Dr. BENZINGER stated that he found subject's work toward the end of his stay in the United States to be very satisfactory and believes that subject's visit was of benefit to NMRI as well as subject and France.

On January 8, 1964, a representative of Central Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service, advised IC [redacted] [redacted] that their records reveal that PAUL PIN, born April 7, 1920, Paris, France, was admitted to the United States on July 11, 1963, and departed the United States for Paris, France, on December 7, 1963, at Idlewild International Airport.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8-5-63

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DR. PAUL J. J. PIN
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The title of this case is marked "CHANGED" to include subject's full name as shown above, which was obtained from the Naval Medical Research Institute, Bethesda, Maryland. The case was previously carried as "DR. PAUL PIN, INTERNAL SECURITY - FRANCE."

ReBuairtels [redacted] 7-24 and 26-63.

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Transmitted herewith to the Bureau and New York are five copies and one copy respectively of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

ReBuairtel of 7-26-63, disclosed that subject met with [redacted] at 6:00 p.m., 7-22-63. A discreet WFO moving spot fisur on the evening of 7-22-63, [redacted] failed to observe a visitor at these establishments at 6:00 p.m. that date possibly identical with subject. (S) (U)

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The interview of [redacted] Naval Medical Research Institute, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, was conducted by SA [redacted] who was interviewed in a secure and discreet manner, advised that he would maintain the contact with the utmost discretion and would subsequently advise SA [redacted] of subject's current address and a physical description of him. When this information is received, the Bureau will be furnished with investigative recommendations in this case.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

August 5, 1963

DOCTOR PAUL J. J. PIN
INTERNAL SECURITY - FRANCE

On July 30, 1963, [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] Naval Medical Research Institute, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, reviewed his records and furnished the following background information concerning captioned individual:

Professor Paul J. J. Pin, a French national, was born in 1920, at Paris, France, the son of a southern French family. He studied elementary school and Lycee Buffon (high school) in Paris, and attended Paris University, where he received his medical doctor's degree in 1946. He received his Ph.D. degree from the same university in 1955 and that same year was appointed assistant professor at that institution. He was appointed associate professor (biochemistry) in 1960 and head of the Biochemical Department in 1963. He is a collaborator of Professor [redacted] b6 b7C at the College de France, Paris.

Pin entered French Naval Medical School in 1941. He joined the Free French Forces in 1942, dealing with "intelligence networks." He was subsequently an intelligence officer, commanding an OSS team of the 5th Infantry Division, 3rd United States Army. He was discharged from military service in 1946. Pin is presently a reserve officer in the French Naval Medical Corps, with the United States equivalent rank of Lieutenant. He is also an adviser to Admiral Lebreton, Surgeon General, French Navy, for Medical Research.

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Pin has received the French Legion of Honor, Medal of Resistance, French War Cross, the United States Bronze Star, and United States commendations, as well as the Belgian War Cross and the Czechoslovakian Liberation Cross.

[redacted] advised that Doctor Pin is in the United States under a North Atlantic Treaty Organization grant to study and participate in on-going research of the Bio-Energetics Laboratories, Naval Medical Research Institute, as a guest scientist, for a period of six months, beginning July 12, 1963, and ending January 1, 1964. [redacted] explained that current work at the Bio-Energetics Laboratories is directed toward determining and isolating that mechanism of the human body responsible for maintaining body heat at a constant 98.6 degrees in all types of weather. He is working under the direct supervision of Doctor Theodor Hans Benzinger, Director of the Bio-Energetics Laboratories. There is no classified work being conducted at the present time in this laboratory.

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[redacted] advised that approximately two weeks ago, Doctor Benzinger visited the Security Office and asked that [redacted] prepare a memorandum for the record dealing with Doctor Benzinger's concern over the unusual interest displayed by Doctor Pin in work going on at the Naval Medical Research Institute. Doctor Benzinger explained that he had found Doctor Pin to be unusually inquisitive about the operations of the Institute generally, far beyond Doctor Pin's interest in the field of bio-energetics. Doctor Benzinger pointed out that he was responsible for inviting Doctor Pin to the United States and he did not want anyone to receive the impression that he did so in order that Doctor Pin would have an opportunity to "snoop around." After discussing the

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matter at length, [redacted] and Doctor Benzinger agreed that Doctor Pin's inquiries were in all probability based on purely professional curiosity and that possibly Doctor Benzinger had become unduly concerned in this regard. No memorandum was prepared and nothing further was done regarding Doctor Benzinger's complaint. 4

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

FROM: SAC, WFO [redacted] (P)

DR. PAUL J. J. PIN
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(OO:WFO)

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ReWFOlet 8-5-63, and enclosed LHM.

Enclosed to the Bureau are five copies of a LHM, containing data received from [redacted] NMRI, NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland, on 8-26-63, by SA [redacted] b6 b7C
Subject is in the process of having an identification badge made; and when his photograph becomes available, it will be furnished to WFO.

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Since subject resides at the BOQ, NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland, a mail and tesur coverage of subject is not possible. Accordingly, WFO proposes that the Bureau [redacted] b3 b6 b7C b7E

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The only reference in WFO indices to BENZINGER is a case entitled "THEODOR HANNES BENZINGER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, GERMAN SCIENTIST UNDER THE CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF THE JOINT INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES AGENCY" [redacted]. This file, which appears to refer to BENZINGER, indicates he was born 8-23-05, in Stuttgart, Germany, is a medical doctor, and from 1934 until 1944 was in charge of the Medical Section of the Luftwaffe Research Center, Rechlin/Mecklenburg, Germany. He became a pilot and was awarded an Iron Cross, Class I and II, in 1940 for "bravery before the enemy" while flying reconnaissance sorties over the British Isles. He was a member of the "NSDAP" from 5-1-33, until 1945, during which he held no rank and no office. His membership in the party was suspended from 3-34, until 11-26-38, because his residence was unknown. BENZINGER, along with several medical men from the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute, was arrested on 9-17-46, and transported to the Nuernberg Military Tribunal under suspicion of having carried out criminal experiments. On 11-5-46, he was released and permitted to return to his position in the Aeronautical Center, Heidelberg, Germany. He was admitted to the United States on 2-28-47, under the custody and control of the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency (JIOA). On 3-1-48, the JIOA certified there was nothing in BENZINGER's records indicating he was a war criminal, an ardent Nazi, or otherwise objectionable for admission into the U. S. as an immigrant. Under date of 6-25-47, the Navy requested that an immigration visa be issued to BENZINGER and certified that his U. S. entry would be in the interest of the national security, where he would be employed at the Naval Medical Research Institute. Baltimore report of SA [redacted] 5-19-48 (the only Bureau investigation in WFO's file), contained no derogatory data concerning BENZINGER. b3 b7E b6 b7C

The enclosed LHM is classified "~~SECRET~~" in order to [redacted] and not jeopardize the Bureau's investigation of the subject. b3 b7E

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (P)

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DR. PAUL J. J. PIN
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ReBuairtel 8-29-63, in requesting WFO submit current results of instant investigation, with a statement regarding the investigative steps presently being used to determine subject's activities. b3 b7E

By airtel and LHM 8-27-63, WFO advised that subject, a French national on a six-month assignment (until 1-64) as guest scientist with the Naval Medical Research Institute (NMRI), National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), Bethesda, Maryland, resides at the BOQ located on the premises of the NNMC. He has no telephone of his own. Therefore, mail and tesur coverage of the subject is not possible. WFO requested Bureau authority b3 b7E

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WFO has established a secure relationship with NMRI, who is in a position to furnish limited coverage of subject. WFO presently has agency checks outstanding at as well as credit and criminal checks. Efforts will be made to locate a bank account in the WDC area for the subject. b3 b6 b7C b7E

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WFO will hold further investigative recommendations regarding subject in abeyance, pending Bureau authorization of [redacted]

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To: SAC, WFO [redacted] REC- 49

From: Director, FBI [redacted]

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ReWFOairtel 8/27/63 with enclosure, one copy each of which is attached for the information of Baltimore.

Authority granted WFO to [redacted] b7E
[redacted] as requested in reairtel. WFO should [redacted] referred to on page one of its airtel. Bufiles contain no additional pertinent data regarding [redacted] other than that set forth in reairtel.

For information of Baltimore, [redacted] furnished b3 b7E
information it received from a sensitive source indicating [redacted] This information should not be disseminated. Inasmuch as WFO is presently utilizing several sources which should be of aid in determining subject's possible [redacted] WFO will remain office of origin in this investigation although subject resides and is employed in Bethesda, Maryland. (S)

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Subject, a French citizen, presently resides in Bethesda, Maryland, and is presently conducting research at the Naval Medical Research Institute under a North Atlantic Treaty Organization grant. WFO is conducting an investigation to determine subject's activities. On 7/30/63 [redacted] at the National Naval Medical Center advised that approximately two weeks before that Dr. Theodor Benzinger, director of the laboratory where subject is conducting his research complained that subject was

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Airtel to SAC, WFO
Re: DR. PAUL J. J. PIN

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ReBuairtel to WFO 9-5-63.

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Dr. BENZINGER was interviewed at his office on 9-16-63, by SAs [redacted]

Contact with [redacted] on 9-16-63, determined that [redacted] could furnish no additional information of pertinence concerning PIN or his activities. [redacted] stated he would furnish WFO a photo of PIN in the near future. b3 b6 b7C b7E

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Dr. BENZINGER was asked if he would bring to WFO's attention any additional pertinent information concerning PIN coming to his attention. BENZINGER said he would be happy to comply, but that he preferred to handle this through the Security Office [redacted] WFO will maintain contact with [redacted] in this regard.

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The enclosed LHM has been classified "~~SECRET~~" to safeguard [redacted] and to protect the Bureau's investigative interest [redacted] b3 b7E

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

September 17, 1963

DOCTOR PAUL J. J. PIN
INTERNAL SECURITY - FRANCE

On September 16, 1963, Dr. Theodor Hans Benzinger, Director, Bio-Energetics Laboratories, Naval Medical Research Institute, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, furnished the following information concerning Doctor Paul J. J. Pin:

In the Spring of 1963, Admiral Le Breton, Surgeon General of the French Navy, paid a visit to the National Naval Medical Center, at Bethesda, during the course of which he visited the Bio-Energetics Laboratories of the Naval Medical Research Institute, headed by Doctor Benzinger. The Admiral, indicating an interest in the research work being done by Dr. Benzinger's laboratory, inquired as to whether arrangements might be made for a French scientist to study at the laboratory as a guest. It was then agreed that French Navy officials would choose the appropriate individual and have him sent to Bethesda. Dr. Benzinger had not known Dr. Pin previously, nor had he heard of him professionally, prior to Pin's arrival in late July, 1963. Shortly after Pin's arrival, it was determined that he was not an outstanding, or even competent research scientist. This was a disappointment to Dr. Benzinger and his colleagues, since they had hoped that the visitor would be one of the outstanding French biochemists active in their field of scientific interest. Pin brought with him from France samples of certain chemical compounds known to be "energy donors" in the human system, for use in his research. This is an area of interest to Dr. Benzinger's laboratory, and one which the laboratory had not pursued fully. Pin's research is a project to identify and analyze, as well as to measure

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the energy released to the human system by these "energy donors." In recent weeks, Pin's efforts have been rewarded by some results of value, and his competence in his field seems to be improving.

Dr. Benzinger stated that soon after Pin's arrival, he, Benzinger, gained the impression that Pin's assignment as a guest scientist at Bethesda was not his real mission in this country. He was specific in his statements that this is only an impression, and expressed himself at a loss to provide specific reasons for this feeling. Dr. Benzinger stated that there is no classified Government data or classified project under research in his laboratory, and that he does not feel that Pin's mission is to obtain classified data.

In commenting on his impressions concerning Pin, Dr. Benzinger said that Pin appeared to be extremely interested in the opinions of Americans on issues of national and international importance. He attempted to engage Dr. Benzinger in a discussion of the race problem in this country, and Dr. Benzinger felt it unwise to comment other than to refer Pin to the accounts in the press. Pin lives in the Bachelor Officers' Quarters at Bethesda, and obviously has ample opportunity to determine through conversation the opinions of a number of individuals on such subjects. Dr. Benzinger indicated that he could not decide whether this is normal intelligent interest in matters of importance to this country, or whether Pin is expected to report his impressions of American opinion to Paris. Dr. Pin has told Dr. Benzinger that he has corresponded directly with General Charles de Gaulle. The subject of such correspondence is unknown to Dr. Benzinger, but it seems incongruous to him that a person in Pin's position would be corresponding with the President of France.

Dr. Benzinger stated that this is apparently Pin's first visit to this country. He commented that Pin has been at work in the laboratory daily, and that there have been no unexplained absences on Pin's part. Pin has commented

DOCTOR PAUL J. J. PIN
INTERNAL SECURITY - FRANCE

that he visited the French Embassy in Washington, and that he was graciously received there. Dr. Benzinger was unable to furnish any information as to Pin's activities in his off-duty hours. It was Dr. Benzinger's impression that Pin has spent some time in sightseeing around Washington.

In summing up his impressions of Pin, Dr. Benzinger said that Pin was chosen for this professional visit by officials in Paris; that he is obviously not a top-rated research scientist in biochemistry; that Pin has shown an avid interest in the opinions of Americans on topics of national and international interest, and that Pin has stated that he is in correspondence with President De Gaulle of France. He commented that he could point to nothing specific to confirm his impression that Pin's primary mission here is other than scientific research.

Dr. Benzinger stated that he is aware that Pin was an intelligence officer during World War II, having learned this from Navy records, but pointed out that his impressions and opinion concerning Pin had preceded his learning of this fact.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted] DATE: 9/30/63

FROM : SAC, WFO [redacted] ~~SECRET~~

SUBJECT: DR. PAUL J. J. PIN
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ReBuairtel 9/18/63, instructing WFO to advise what additional investigative steps are being taken in this case.

WFO has coverage on subject's activities while at National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) through [redacted] Other possible coverage is being afforded through [redacted] (S)

Subject resides in the BOQ at NNMC which has transient officers as residents. WFO does not feel a live source at the BOQ, mail or tesur coverage of subject is feasible. Due to subject's limited time in the U.S., more than half of which has expired, no effort will be made to locate a bank account for it is not believed he will have one.

Subject has not apparently been attempting to gain classified information at NNMC and his primary assignment as yet is not discernible. It is therefore WFO's opinion that other secure coverage is not possible at this time.

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1. Will report information requested from the Pentagon when received concerning information subject furnished to American Military Attache, Paris, France, after World War II.

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2. Will maintain contact with [redacted] National Naval Medical Center, as well as Dr. THEODOR HANS BENZINGER. Will maintain contact with sources in [redacted]

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The report is being classified "~~Top Secret~~" as information received [redacted] was so classified. It would otherwise be classified "~~Secret~~" as disclosure of the Bureau's investigative interest in [redacted] could result in serious harm to the national defense interest. (S) (U)

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[redacted] INS advised subject arrived in the U.S. 7/11/63, and furnished his address as the Navy Medical Research Center, Bethesda, Maryland. Naval Medical Research Institute (NMRI) records reveal subject, a French Naval Medical Corps Reserve Officer and advisor to the Surgeon General of the French Navy, is at the Naval Medical Research Institute for 6 months to study and participate in research at Bio-Energetics Laboratories. Subject does not have access to classified Government data. He resides at Bachelor Officer's Quarters at the National Naval Medical Center. Subject has stated he corresponds directly with CHARLES DE GAULLE. He has visited the French Embassy and has done some sightseeing in Washington, D. C. His activities at NMRI have been normal, and he has not been absent from NMRI for any unusual periods.

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On July 22, 1963, WF T-1, [redacted] furnished the following information:

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On September 26, 1963, a representative of the Central Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), made available an INS Form I-94 concerning "PAUL P. P. PIN," which contained the following information:

Nationality	French
Passport Number	561991
United States Address	United States Navy Medical Research Center, Bethesda 14, Maryland
Travel	Arrived on "AF 015" boarded Paris
Permanent Address	1 Rue Voisembert, Issy (Seine)
Birth Date	April 7, 1920, Paris, France
Visa Issued at	Paris on June 13, 1963 Class B-1 Visa
Arrival	Admitted to the United States at New York, New York, July 11, 1963.

On July 30, 1963, [redacted] b6 b7C Naval Medical Research Institute (NMRI), National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, reviewed his records and furnished the following background information concerning subject to SA [redacted]

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Professor PAUL J. J. PIN, a French national, was born in 1920 at Paris, France, the son of a southern French family. He studied at elementary school and Lycee Buffon (high school) in Paris and attended Paris University where he received his Medical Doctor's degree in 1946. He received his Ph. D. from the same university in 1955 and that same year was appointed Assistant Professor at the Institute. He was appointed Associate Professor (Biochemistry) in 1960 and head of the Biochemical Department in 1963. He is a collaborator of Professor [redacted] at the College de France, Paris. b6 b7C

Subject entered French Naval Medical School in 1941. He joined the Free French Forces in 1942, dealing with "intelligence networks." He was subsequently an intelligence officer, commanding an OSS team of the Fifth Infantry Division, Third United States Army. He was discharged from military service in 1946. Subject is presently a reserve officer in the French Naval Medical Corps with the United States equivalent rank of lieutenant. He is also an advisor to Admiral LE BRETON, Surgeon General, French Navy, for Medical Research.

Subject has received the French Legion of Honor, Medal of Resistance, French War Cross, The United States Bronze Star, and United States commendations, as well as the Belgian War Cross and the Czechoslovakian Liberation Cross.

Subject is in the United States under a NATO grant to study and participate in on-going research of the Bio-Energetics Laboratories, NMRI, as a guest scientist, for a period of six months, beginning July 12, 1963, and ending January 1, 1964. Current work at the Bio-Energetics Laboratories is directed towards determining and isolating the mechanism of the human body responsible for maintaining body heat at a constant 98.6 degrees in all types of weather. He is working under the direct supervision of Dr. THEODOR HANS BENZINGER, Director of the Bio-Energetics Laboratories. There is no classified work being conducted at the present time at this laboratory.

On September 16, 1963, Dr. THEODOR HANS BENZINGER, Director, Bio-Energetics Laboratories, NMRI, Naval Medical

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Research Center, Bethesda, Maryland, furnished the following information concerning subject to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]:

In the Spring of 1963, Admiral LE BRETON, Surgeon General of the French Navy, paid a visit to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, during the course of which he visited the Bio-Energetics Laboratories headed by Dr. BENZINGER. The Admiral, indicating an interest in the research work being done by Dr. BENZINGER's laboratory, inquired as to whether arrangements might be made for a French Scientist to study at the laboratory as a guest. It was then agreed that French Navy Officials would choose the appropriate individual and have him sent to Bethesda. Dr. BENZINGER had not known subject previously nor had he heard of him previously, prior to subject's arrival in late July, 1963. Shortly after subject's arrival, it was determined that he was not an outstanding or even competent research scientist. This was a disappointment to Dr. BENZINGER and his colleagues, since they had hoped that the visitor would be one of the French biochemists active in their field of scientific interest. Subject brought with him from France samples of certain chemical compounds known to be "energy donors" in the human system, for use in his research. This is an area of interest to Dr. BENZINGER's laboratory, and one which the laboratory had not pursued fully. Subject's research is a project to identify and analyze, as well as to measure, the energy released to the human system by these "energy donors." In recent weeks, subject's efforts have been rewarded by some results of value, and his competency in the field seems to be improving.

Soon after subject's arrival BENZINGER gained the impression that subject's assignment as guest scientist at Bethesda was not his real mission in this country. Dr. BENZINGER was specific in his statements that this is only an impression, and expressed himself at a loss to provide specific reasons for this feeling. There is no classified Government data or classified project under research in Dr. BENZINGER's laboratory, and Dr. BENZINGER does not feel that subject's mission is to obtain classified data.

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In commenting on his impressions concerning subject, Dr. BENZINGER said that subject appeared to be extremely interested in the opinions of Americans on issues of national and international importance. He attempted to engage Dr. BENZINGER in a discussion of the race problem in this country, and Dr. BENZINGER felt it unwise to comment other than to refer subject to the accounts in the press. Subject lives in the Bachelor Officer's Quarters at Bethesda and has ample opportunity to determine through conversation the opinions of a number of individuals on such subjects. Dr. BENZINGER indicated that he could not decide whether this is normal intelligent interest in matters of importance to this country, or whether subject is expected to report his impressions of American opinion to Paris. Subject has told BENZINGER that he has corresponded directly with General CHARLES DE GAULLE, President of France. The subject of such correspondence is unknown to Dr. BENZINGER.

Dr. BENZINGER stated that this is apparently subject's first visit to this country. Subject has been at work in the laboratory daily and there have been no unexplained absences on his part. He has commented that he visited the French Embassy in Washington and that he was graciously received there. Dr. BENZINGER was unable to furnish any information as to subject's activities in his off-duty hours but it is BENZINGER's impression that subject has spent some time in sightseeing around Washington.

On October 8, 1963, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that subject continues to do research work at NMRI. He said subject now has Post Exchange and Officer's Club privileges and still resides in the Bachelor Officer's Quarters. [redacted] stated that subject's activities have been normal and to his knowledge has not been absent from NMRI. for any unusual periods. b6 b7C

[redacted] furnished the following physical description of subject: b6 b7C

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationaltiy	French
Date of Birth	1920

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Place of Birth	Paris, France
Height	5' 6"
Weight	160 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair	Black, thick
Complexion	Ruddy
Occupation	Physician
Employment	Head, Biochemical Department, Paris University, Paris, France

The "Diplomatic List" published by the United States Department of State dated August, 1963, lists [redacted] b6 b7C

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Memorandum

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FRO[redacted] SAC, WFO [redacted] (P)

SUB[redacted] DR. PAUL J. J. PIN, aka
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Enclosed are five copies of an LHM.

Reference is made to report of SA [redacted] 12-6-63, WFO, which advised that WFO was again attempting to obtain information from U. S. Department of State (USDS) which had been viewed on 9-11-63 concerning subject. As of 1-6-64, USDS had not located the above-mentioned material, but was still searching for same. WFO will advise the Bureau the results of this search.

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WFO is also presently attempting to verify subject's departure from the United States through INS, Central Office.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

January 7, 1964

DOCTOR PAUL J. J. PIN
INTERNAL SECURITY - FRANCE

On January 3, 1964, Dr. Theodor Hans Benzinger, Director, Bio-Energetics Laboratories, Naval Medical Research Institute (NMRI), National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, advised that on December 6, 1963, subject ended his stay at NMRI as a guest scientist in the Bio-Energetics Laboratories and was to depart for France on the following day. Dr. Benzinger stated that he found subject's work towards the end of his stay in the United States to be very satisfactory and believes that subject's visit was of benefit to NMRI as well as subject and France.

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Dr. PAUL J. J. PIN, aka

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY [redacted] b6 b7C

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] WFO, 12/6/63. b6 b7C

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Rerep advised of negative efforts made to locate at Fort Holabird, G-2, or the Pentagon, a letter dated 11/19/52 from G2-CDOO, Department of Army, concerning subject.

On 1/17/64, a representative of the Security Office, U. S. Department of State (USDS), again made available a file concerning the subject which contained the following:

By memorandum dated November 19, 1952, from Department of Army, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, G2-CD00, Intelligence, Washington, D. C., signed by a Colonel GARRISON B. COVERDALE, addressed to Chief, Division of Security, Department of State, concerning Dr. PAUL PIN, the following facts were set forth:

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By letter dated October 20, 1952, Dr. PAUL PIN advised [redacted], of his alleged World War II association with the U. S. Army and the Office of Strategic Services. PIN stated he had applied to the Office of International Education for a fellowship to study in the laboratories of a Professor [redacted] at Columbia University in New York City and submitted the letter for the purpose of supporting his request that the U. S. Army or the Office of Strategic Services sponsor his candidacy for the fellowship. This would allow him to engage in scientific study under Professor [redacted] and to provide for [redacted] who would remain in France. b6 b7C

PIN had informed [redacted] that he was born April 7, 1920, Paris, France, and that he then held a commission as an Intelligence Officer in the French Naval Reserves. He was married to [redacted], [redacted] His address was 1 Rue Voisembert, Issy (Seine) Paris, France. b6 b7C

A copy of a letter from subject to [redacted], dated October 20, 1952, was attached to the above-described memorandum. This letter from subject stated that he joined the "5th Inf Div XXth Corps" in the vicinity of Verdun in September, 1944, and left the Division in June, 1945, after redeployment. He said he served as a commanding officer of "OSS team" attached to G-2 during other U S. operations in Europe, commanded numerous missions of sabotage in Germany, and that he also secured the surrender of the last "SS Div." near Prague on May 9, 1945. Subject stated that he remained in liaison with U S. Forces until he was discharged during the middle of 1947 (probably discharged from the French military). Subject then set forth a list of French and Allied awards he received for his World War II services and requested that the U S Army and OSS sponsor his fellowship to work with a Prefessor [redacted] Columbia University, New York, New York. b6 b7C

Also attached to G-2's memorandum to USDS was an item captioned "DIAMOND DUST", published by the 5th Infantry Division, May 11, 1945, which stated that Lt. PAUL PIN and two other Frenchmen of the Division of G-2 section, went through American and Czech Patriot lines to the Headquarters of the SS Division battling in the south of Prague and arranged for terms and conditions for surrender.

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Due to the third agency rule this above information is not being set forth in the details of this report. Since the information does not effect the investigation, further efforts are not being made to locate the information in Army files.

The report is being classified "~~Secret~~" as disclosure of the Bureau's investigative interest in [redacted] b7E [redacted] could result in serious harm to the national defense interest. (U)

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